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港香

PRICE 32½ PER MONTH.

Arrivals.

Jan. 20, YESSO, British steamer, 672, Ashton, Whampoa January 19th.—D. LAPRAK & Co.
Jan. 20, CANDELARIA, Span. bark, 407, Barro, No. 30th December, General REMEDIO & Co.
Jan. 20, CHINCHING, Brit. str., 793, Hong from Canton, General SUMMERS & Co.
Jan. 20, NINGPO, Brit. str., 761, Rover, Shanghai 17th January, General SIEMSEN & Co.
Jan. 20, ALICE, German ship, 549, O. Melville, Cardiff 6th September, Coals.—W. FUSTON & Co.

Departures.

Jan. 20, SARAH NICKOLSON, for Foochow.
Jan. 20, KWANTUNG, str., for East Coast.
Jan. 20, TALER, for Whampoa.
Jan. 20, H.M.S. RINALDO, for England.

Clearances.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE,
JANUARY 20TH.
Altagracia, for Saigon.
Mercur, for Manila.
Asia, str., for Amoy.

Passengers.

Per Ningpo, str., from Shanghai:—
33 Chinese.
Per Altagracia, for Saigon:—
25 Chinese.
Per Asia, str., for Amoy:—
20 Chinese.

Reports.

The Spanish bark "Industria" reports left Illoco on December 30th, had calls and N.E. monsoon through to port.

The British steamship "Ningpo" reports left Shanghai on 17th January, had strong N.E. monsoon throughout the passage.

The German ship "Alice" reports left Cardiff on 7th September, had a moderate passage for 90 days till reaching Sandwood Island, since then had light variable winds throughout the Eastern Passage till Pelion Island; from thence ran in 8 days to Hongkong.

Auction Sales To-day.

J. M. A. H. M. ST. BONG,
At 12 noon:
The Junk Sun-yo-seag.

NOW READY.

THE "CHRONICLE & DIRECTORY"
For 1874.
Apply at
THE DAILY PRESS OFFICE,
Hongkong, January 5th, 1874.

NOTICE.

P. & O. S. N. Co.
COMMENCING with the mail of 8th January, 1874, and until further notice, the Company's Household Steamer from Calcutta, in connection with the Mail Steamer from this Port, will proceed to Southampton via the Straits Canal.

A. MCIVIER,
Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, 18th December, 1873. [2050]

FOUR SALES:

EXSHAW'S BRANDY, in 1 Dosen Cases.
GILMAN & Co.
at 2060 Hongkong, 19th December, 1873.

A. MILLAR & CO.
HOUSE, SHIP AND STEAMBOAT PLUMBERS.

COPPERSMITHS & BRASSFOUNDERS.
No. 1, Queen's Road East and Middle Lane,
Opposite H.M. Naval Dock Yard.

337 Hongkong, 1st March, 1874.

NOTICE.

TO OWNERS OF PROPERTY
IN HONGKONG,
AGENTES AND RESIDENT.

BARKINGTON & ALGAR,
HOUSE AGENTS
AND
VALUATORS.
9, Hollywood Road, Hongkong.

BARRINGTON & ALGAR having had 8 years' experience in the above business, undertake their personal Collection of Rents, effecting Repairs, and General Management of House Property, at a moderate rate of Commission. Valuations, &c., made.

REFERRENCES.—Security if required.
1470 Hongkong, September, 1873.

THE UNDERSIGNED begs to inform the Public of
that he has above established at these places in the name of HONG KONG,

In HONG KONG, at the Central Market, No. 12, he has constantly on hand BEAD, MITTON, POULTRY, BREAD, TABLES, and OILMAN'S STORES, &c., of the best quality.

H. NO. 1000, GANTON SHOPS, the former building, with the addition of SEPIA, SODA WATER, &c., and GAME when in season.

Gentlemen and Families desirous of patronizing him, are requested to apply at his shop above, where a list of prices of articles will be furnished, which will be supplied at the same rate all the year round.

BING-KEE,
745 Hongkong, 13th May, 1873.

YANGTSE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION
OF SHANGHAI.

NOTICE.

ON and after SATURDAY, the 1st November, a Brokerage of Thirty-three and one-third per cent. (33⅓%), will be allowed on all insurances granted by this Association.

RUSSELL & CO., Agents.
1800 Hongkong, 30th October, 1873.

OCEAN MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LONDON.

INCORPORATED 1859.

CAPITAL, £1,400,000.
The Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to accept Marine Risks and Marine Policies at current rates.

AUGUSTINE HERALD & CO.
1361 Hongkong, 7th June, 1867.

Banks.

THE ANGLO-CALIFORNIAN BANK
(LIMITED).
412, CALA ST., SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.
London Office, 3, Angel Court,
New York Agency, 10, Broad Street, &c.

AUTHORIZED
CAPITAL STOCK.....\$6,000,000.

WILL receive Deposits, open Accounts, make Collections, buy and sell Exchange and Bullion, issue Money, and issue Letters of Credit, according to the word.

R. G. SNEATH, Managers.

ly 1857.—IGN. STEINHART, Managers.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$5,000,000 of Dollars.

RESERVE FUND.....\$1,000,000 of Dollars.

Court of Directors:—

Chairman—S. D. SASSON, Esq.
Deputy Chairman—W. H. FORESTER, Esq.
M. Anson, Esq., Vice-Chairman, Esq.
A. P. Heard, Esq., Vice-Pres., Esq.
A. Jost, Esq.

Chief Manager,
Hongkong—James Erig, Esq.
Manager,
Shanghai—Elwin Cameron, Esq.
London Banker—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

On Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits:

For 3 months 4% per cent. per annum

6 months 5%

12 months 5½%

LOCAL BILL DISCOUNTED.

Credit—granted unapproved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts—granted on London, and the chief commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China, Japan, &c.

JAMES GREIG, Chief Manager,
Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East,
1873.

COMPAGNIE DES COMPTES DE PARIS.

INCORPORATED by National Decree of 7th and 8th March, 1848, and by Imperial Decrees of 25th July, 1854, and 31st December, 1866.

RECOGNIZED BY THE INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION OF 30TH APRIL, 1862.

FRENDS.—P. S. STEVENS.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$8,000,000 3,200,000
RESERVE FUND.....20,000,000 \$800,000

HEAD OFFICE—14, Rue Bergere, Paris,
LONDON AGENCE—14, Leadenhall Street,
E.C.

AGENCIES—At Mantes, Lyons, Marseilles,
Rouen, Brussels, Amsterdam, Bombay, Calcutta,
Hongkong, Shanghai, Saigon, Saint Denis (Ile de la Réunion) and Yokohama.

LONDON BANKERS—UNION BANK OF LONDON.

HONGKONG AGENCY.

Interest Allowed:

On current deposit accounts at the rate of 2½%, subject to 15 days notice of withdrawal; and 3½% to one month's notice.

On Fixed Deposits:

For 3 months 3½% per annum

6 months 4%

12 months 5%

A. PHILIPPE,
Acting Manager,
Offices in Hongkong—Bank Buildings,
Queen's Road, 2nd June, 1873.

CONSULADO DE ESPAÑA
EN
HONGKONG.

CONDICIONES ESPECIALES.

—El carbono presentará precisamente las dianas del principio de Guiles conocidas por las denominaciones que siguen:—

NIXON'S MERTHY.

THOMAS'S MERTHY.

FORMS'S DUFFEY.

NIXON'S DUFFEY.

BALANCEONCEVENS.

ABERDEANE STEAMS COALS.

MAYNE'S MERTHY.

NAVIGATION STEAM.

JISOL'S MERTHY.

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THE FOREIGN SETTLEMENTS OF
SHANGHAI.

A Chromo-Lithograph Plate of the
NEW CODE OF SIGNALS IN USE
AT THE PEAK;

THE VARIOUS HOUSE FLAGS
(Designed expressly for this Work)

MAPS OF HONGKONG, JAPAN,
and the

THE COAST OF CHINA;
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LATE TELEGRAMS.

press the coolie traffic by a single notification, it might be supposed that he would be able by the same means to deal with the much smaller matter of adulterated tea.

We learn that the *Vasco da Gama* arrived at Yohkoma on the 16th instant, at 7 p.m., having made the passage from Hongkong in 7 days and 2 hours, against a very heavy monsoon.

It was held that it is in contemplation to remove the *Vasco da Gama* from present port to another, or to shallow water, as she is thought to be unsafe, and that a new vessel will shortly be sent out to replace her.

A telegram from Calcutta, dated 19th inst., states that the opium shipment per China and Statesman were, Patna 1,340, Barrapore 1,330 cwt.; The stocks on that date at Calcutta were, Patna, 1,600 cwt., new 1,400, and Berries, new 200.

Shanghai telegraphic quotations to the 19th instant are as follows:

EXCHANGE.—On Hongkong Bank, eight 200 discount; on London, Bank 6 months' sight, £11 per cent.; credit 6 months' sight, £10 10s per cent.; on Bond, 6 months, £10 10s per cent.; on Canton, 6 months, £10 10s per cent.; on Macao, 6 months, £10 10s per cent.; on New York, per \$100; Pekin Bank, 9% per cent.; Teck, 10 1/2 per cent.

COTTON.—Malva, depressed; Patna, dull and heavy; Malva, 10 days, Ths. 146 per cwt.; Berries, 10 days, Ths. 146 per cwt.

COCONUT.—Cochin, depressed; Malva, dull and heavy; Malva, 10 days, Ths. 146 per cwt.; Berries, 10 days, Ths. 146 per cwt.

WOOL.—Unshaded Tartsilk Silk, No. 3, Ths. 450 to 475 per piece; Price Red Peacock, Ths. 375 to 400 per piece.

WOOL.—Woolen Stripes, Unshaded; Spanish Stripes, Scarlet, C.P.H., Ths. 6.00 per yard; Spanish Stripes, Assorted, C.P.H., Ths. 6.00 to 6.60 per yard; Camlets, SS, Assorted, Ths. 14.00 per piece; Long Ells, Assorted, H.H., Ths. 7.00 per piece; Long Ells, Assorted, H.H., Ths. 6.50 per piece; Tattersalls, Assorted, H.H., Ths. 11.25 per piece.

SUPREME COURT.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

BEFORE THE HON. CHIEF JUSTICE SMITH.

CHONG YUNG-WAI v. BRADSHAW, \$2,000.

Defendant said he paid the plaintiff with his own hand, but the plaintiff denied it.

The case was dismissed.

WU-THEH AND ANOTHER v. LATA-CHAN, \$17,20.

Defendant admitted the debt, and agreed to pay it up till Saturday next.

J. DIAS, IAS, \$5.—The Same v. MALIBROOK, \$5.—Neither parties appeared.

The bailiff of the Court said the defendant promised to pay the debts.

Under these circumstances the cause was dismissed.

WONG-HUONG v. F. FABRE, \$4.—This was a claim for wages to the plaintiff as cook.

Plaintiff said the amah gave him a \$5 note, but it was to change into small coins, which he did.

The defendant turned him out of the house.

When he asked for his wages, the defendant refused to pay them.

Defendant said he had the debt, and said he gave the sum on the 2nd January a \$5 note to the amah to change it, and give him the \$5 note, and he returned \$1, which the amah gave him.

The amah deposit to receiving a \$5 note from the defendant, and giving it to the plaintiff as his wages, and he returned \$1 in change, as his wages were \$4 per month.

Wong-huong, to pay the defendant, deposited his wages to the plaintiff, telling him to give her one dollar less in return.

He (witness) saw the plaintiff, and the parties ran, and the complainant gave him into custody.

Defendant called a witness, who said he was a hawker of olives, and defendant said he was a hawk.

There is a fight; let us separate them.

But the defendant's witness was present.

Defendant was then fined \$1, or in default two days' gaol.

RELEAF OF MARKET ORDINANCE.

Inspector Livingston summoned the occupants of five houses in Nullah-lane, for selling vegetables in their houses, and having them exposed for sale, contrary to Ordinance which provides that beyond the market, except in the open air.

Defendant, who made lame excuses, was fined \$500 each.

UNLAWFULLY CONTAINING A PASS.

Captain Superintendent Deane charged Leung-a-chik, an office coolie in the Registrar-General's office, with the unlawful obtaining and detention of a night pass, granted to one Teck-poo, No. 151, Queen-street, Singapore.

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FRANCE, GERMANY, AND ITALY.—The disquieting rumors concerning the relations of France, Germany, and Italy, are confirmed.

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It for the very hint of such a thing would be unworthy of you and of me. I would not believe the wicked tale if a thousand witnesses rose up to vouch for it. If the world were given you, I would say that there was no one in such a subject would be as hard to persuade me that the sun will never rise again, as old Aunt Annie, when she came blushing to me. But Harry, you must take courage. Ohing has been talking to me—he will not reveal all he knows, because, as he is impulsive enough to say, "Woman got tongue plucky long"; but I fear I shall have to project by a speech or two—just as far as he has gone. I gather that something very awful is in store, and that Ohing has the means of establishing it. I shall write to the word—your innocence of the terrible thing they dared to say you did. The men are waiting and I must close this. Come at half past twelve to-night, to the house—not on account to the fire gate—but the truth—that is granted this will be the case, many arrangements have been made; but if coal should not be got, then chariot, of which there is an abundant supply, can be used, for the blast furnaces are adapted to either description of fuel. The forge and iron rolling mill plant, with their engines, comprise the bulk of the machinery which has been built at Wolverhampton.—Birmingham, Post.

(To be continued.)

M.R. JESSELL.

(Continued.)

Mr. Distaff always seems to us to be a very good notion alledged of the kind of emphasis and weight of language requisite to make an impression, but by no means to discriminate carefully between those words worthy of that emphasis and weight of language, and those which are not. "He discerns the signs of the times," etc., etc. And for ordinary audiences that answers about as well as a much more adequate adaptation of matter to form would do. He becomes ridiculous indeed when he makes his hero say, in "Syle," "No, I never smoke Tobacco is the tomb of love." But that is strong case. The majority of hearers and readers are likely to do justice to the author, though, as an expert combination of words, words—phrases—sentences—caused affectionate thoughts of mankind which are real thoughts powerfully expressed. And who is the man who can do this can also, other uses impress the other one—tenth by his real shrewdness and wit, his incisive and witty paper-money does almost the same political service.

KNOTTY POINT FOR MAGISTRATES.

(Part II. Next Saturday.)

The magistrates at the Richmond petty sessions recently found themselves in a difficult position, inasmuch as possible punishment had with much solemnity been mentioned, and a boy named Pritchard—who had been charged before them with stealing £5 from the property of his employer—to receive six strokes with a birch rod—the punishment to be administered at Richmond. Their feelings may be imagined rather than described, when they were "respectfully informed" by the inspector of police that the boy had run away from the premises of the firm of his employer, but that there was no sign of him at his disposal out of which a birch rod could be provided. "If," he added, "he were to enter in his accounts 'Birth, £5,' he would be led astray in his accounts by the Commissioners of Police." The magistrates, though rather staggered by this communication, did not lose their presence of mind. They immediately suspended judgment on the bench, until such time as the boy could be found, and a birch rod having been purchased with this amount, the terrible sentence of the law was accordingly inflicted on the culprit in the afternoon of the same day by a constable at the Richmond police-court. The next time the magistrates ordered a similar sentence to be carried out by the police, the inspectors will do well to ask themselves if the Act of Parliament which authorizes such a punishment is still in force. It has been suggested that the duties of the police were confined to detecting and arresting offenders, but that the punishment of their culprits was not part of their duties. If it turns out that personal chastisement may be legally inflicted at police-stations, the relations between the police and the public will assume an entirely new aspect.

Hongkong Gas Company's Shares—£70 per share.

Hongkong Hotel Company's Shares—55 per cent discount.

Indo-Chinese Sugar Company—90 per cent discount.

SALES ON JANUARY 20th, 1874.

A full report is given by *Our Press*.

Shares, 50 bags, at £100, by Tuckmes to travelling traders.

Molten Seeds, 150 bags, at £4.40, by Tuckmes to travelling traders.

Vermicelli, 100 bags, at £5.20, by Yen-ching, Long to travelling trader.

Dried Dates, 100 bags, at £2.00, by King-ching to travelling trader.

Linen, 200 bags, at £2.00, by Tuckmes to travelling traders.

Silk, 200 bags, at £4.80, by Wing-ching to travelling trader.

Dried Lily Flowers, 5 bags, at £13.40, by Ho-ye to local trader.

NOTICES OF FIRMS.

THE interest and responsibility of Mr. DUNNADIN DABLING, in our firm, ceased on the 20th June last.

Mr. DAVID ADDISON DABLING is authorized to sign for our firm.

BROWN & Co.

In 111, Amoy, 9th January, 1874.

NOTICE.

MR. WM. REINHOLD has this day been admitted a partner in our firm.

MELOCH & Co.

Sm 3 Hongkong, 1st January, 1874.

NOTICE.

MMR. LOUIS MENDEL has this day been admitted a partner in our firm in Hongkong and Canton.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

In 4 Hongkong, 1st January, 1874.

NOTICE.

IHAD established myself at this port as Merchant and Commission Agent.

H. KLER.

In 23 Hongkong, 1st January, 1874.

NOTICE.

MMR. FREDERICK DAVID SASSON has this day been admitted a partner in our firm in China.

DAVID SASSON, SONS & Co.

In 20 Hongkong, 1st January, 1874.

NOTICE.

THE business hitherto conducted in my name will henceforth be carried on under the firm of:

F. R. USE & Co.

And Mr. H. KUHNAMANN is authorized to sign for the firm.

J. C. KRUEGER.

In 6 Hongkong, 1st January, 1874.

NOTICE.

THE interest and responsibility of Mr. JAMES G. CASTLE in our firm, ceased on 31st ultimo, by lapse of time.

Mr. CHARLES F. TREMBLETT and Mr. WM. DUNNINGTON are this day admitted partners in our firm.

WM. G. HALE & Co.

In 7 Saigon, 1st January, 1874.

NOTICE.

THE Co-partnership heretofore existing in Hongkong and China between W. J. BIRDENBROOK, GIBSON, HULLIVAN, S. E. HUNTINGDON, and J. C. HEITMANN, under the name and firm of SMITH, ARCHER & Co., is this day DISMISSED by mutual consent.

Either party will sign the name of the firm in liquidation.

SMITH, ARCHER & Co.

In 24 Hongkong, 1st January, 1874.

NOTICE.

MMR. JAMES HART is authorized to sign for our firm, in Hongkong and China, from this date.

TURNER & Co.

In 2039 Shanghai, 1st December, 1873.

NOTICE.

HROM and after 1st January, 1874, the business of the undersigned will be incorporated, and registered under the name and style of:

NEWMAN & CO.

WALTER NEWMAN,

JOHN GITTINS,

W. H. BELLI,

"DAILY PRESS" Office, Hongkong.

W. H. BELLI,

Poohoo, 11th October, 1873.

NOTICE.

THE Proprietor of "WING-KEE GOAL SHOP" has to inform the public that his Shop has been established since 1855, at Endicott's Lane, and that he has always a great quantity of BEST COAL in store for sale. Gentlemen or Ship-masters wishing to patronize him, we request to apply to his Shop.

In 133 Poohoo, 16th August, 1873.

Vessels Advertised as Loading.

DESTINATION	VEHICLE'S NAME	CAPTAIN	AT	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DISPATCHED
LONDON via SUZEE CANAL	Metrop. (str.)	Wong	London	W. J. & Sons	On or about 20th inst.
MELBOURNE AND SYDNEY	Gloucester	Vivian	Hongkong	Rozario & Co.	Quick dispatch.
MELBOURNE AND SYDNEY	Gloster	McKinnon	Hongkong	Rozario & Co.	Quick dispatch.
NEW YORK	Glamorganshire	Morgan	Hongkong	Augustine Henry & Co.	Quick dispatch.
SAN FRANCISCO	Iochium	Schweitzer	Hongkong	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Quick dispatch.
SPORL PENANG, & CALTA	Leviathan (str.)	Malvern	Hongkong	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	To-morrow, at 8 P.M.
YOKOHAMA	Delta (str.)	Craig	Hongkong	P. & O. N. Co.	Quick dispatch.
SHANGHAI	Empress (str.)	Tea (str.)	Hongkong	W. H. Bell & Son	To-day, at 4 P.M.
FOOCHOW	China (str.)	J. Hogg	Hongkong	Oliphant & Co.	Quick dispatch.
SWATOW, AMOY, TAMSUI, &c.	Hai-Loong (str.)	Punchard	Hongkong	Douglas LaPratt & Co.	To-morrow, at 8 A.M.

For Sale.

SA Y L E & C O.

HAVE just received a choice ASSORTMENT of CLOTHES suitable for the AUTUMN and WINTER SEASONS, consisting of—

FANCY TWEEDS, and ANGOLAS, for Suits.

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BLACK and BLUE BROAD CLOTHS.

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LIGHT MELTONS for OVERCOATS.

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ALSO, LONGCLOTH, FLANNELS, REGATTA, OXFORD and CAMBRIDGE SHIRTS.

COLLARS and SOARES of the latest fashions.

BOOTS, SHOES, and SLIPPERS of all kinds.

THE Newest Shapes in FELT, DRAPE SHELL and SILK DRESS HATS.

GOLD STUDS, SILVER LINKS, and SOLITAIREs.

HAIR BRUSHES, SOAPS, and PER-FUMERY.

TURKISH TOWELS and BATH BLANKETS.

THE newest DESIGNS of the latest FASHIONABLE CLOAKS and SKIRTS.

THE newest DESIGNS of the latest DRESS CLOTHES.

Extracts.

AFTER ALL THE WAKEFUL YEARS.

Is it so hard to die?
Life has not such unmixed bliss,
After the last parting cry
Death is but blank nothingness.
Not so great is the loss,
Lest some dear chamber-mate dead,
While the loved ones sleep.
Move around with wavy, bushy tread.
Then we shall be sleeping deep.
There's not ours, will be the tears;
Is it then hard to sleep,
After all the wakeful years?
What should make us fear or fail?
That we never again live?
What is death that we should quail?
It is not even pain?
Perfect slumber, perfect rest,
No more heat, noise, or avors,
No more fading of rose,
No more failing of heart,
No more waking unto fears;
Is it then hard to sleep?
After all the wakeful years?

A PICTURE OF CHARLES LAMB.

Fifty years ago, if one of us had been in London passing along toward the Strand, we should very likely have met a man of rather singular aspect, even for that period. We should probably have noticed his simple, square face, his keen, penetrating eyes, his peculiar hair, his finely proportioned head; so full of "dead eloquence" as has been described. He would be just the person one would be likely to inquire the way of with the expectation that he would know it. There would be a troublous expression about his lips while he pointed it out, and we should very likely turn to look at him again; to remember his memorable looks.—James T. Fields.

A FITTING REBUKE.

There are many men in existence who deem it no harm to speak slightly of women. According to their idea, it is quite meet that the strong should assail the weak.

One of these robbers of reputation received a severe rebuke on a recent occasion. At a dinner, at which no ladies were present, this man, in responding to a toast, "Woman," dwelt almost solely on the frailty of the sex, exclaiming that the best amongst them were little better than the worst, the chief difference being their surroundings. At the conclusion of the speech a gentleman present rose to his feet and said, "I trust the gentleman, in his application of his remarks, refers to his own mother and sisters, not ours."

The effect of this just and timely rebuke was overwhelming, and the malinger of women was covered with confusion and shame.

SAN FRANCISCO AS IT IS.

In riding about San Francisco, one is amazed with the luxuriance of foliage and blossoms which are seen in the gardens, hedge-meds with the sick geranium, lantana trained against the house reaching above the windows, or in a tree with stem four inches in diameter, the century plant in full-blown; the tea-roses, pelargoniums, and the choicer pinkas, all drawing out every virtue of propagation, and some of the righted.

There is a lack of shade-trees along the streets, but in the garden I saw a pepper-tree, with its delicate, fanning leaves; the cypresses, with its feather-fingered, the magnolias,

Anzalis, which grows very fast, and is said to rival in size the sequoia (of which species are the big trees of California); the fig, the several varieties of palm; and choice evergreens, the arborvitae, the cedar, and many other trees, all growing in luxuriance. As there are no grasses indigenous to this region, much difficulty has been found in making lawns; but some of the southern grasses, like Kentucky red-top, the Timothy, together with the white clover, have been made to grow upon prepared soil, with constant irrigation; for even here a windmill is almost as common, and certainly as useful, as in Stockton. The lawns, however, are not like those which give to the English parks their special charm. As you look at these plants and trees, growing the year round, it seems that they must be tried, and need a Northern winter to sleep away a part of the year.—From "The Atlantic to the Pacific," by J. E. Lester.

CURIOSITIES OF SUPERSTITION.

Louis Napoleon in his will emphasizes the solemn declaration: "With regard to my son, let him keep as a talisman—the seal I used to wear attached to my watch." This piece of fetishism would appear to have formed yet another link between the imperial exile, that has passed from our midst, and those Latin races whose cause he affected to represent, whose superstition he certainly shared.

Indeed, the ancient Romans degraded a priest because his mire fell, and unmade a dictator because a rat squeaked. Cesar crossed the Rubicon, because, on the opposite bank, he saw a man with a fine figure. His nephew felt confident of winning the battle of Actium, because he met a peasant of the name of Nicomatus mounted on an ass. Wolsey was warned of his doom by a crooked-head; Scaurus, by a flight of swallows. Dr. Johnson objected to going under a ladder. Montaigne avoided giving his left foot priority in putting on his stockings. Alexander was believed to have untied the Gordian knot with a slice of his sword. For good luck's sake, Augustus wore some portion of sea-salt; Charlemagne, some trinket of unknown value. Mohammed was all fate; Bonaparte all Star and Destiny. Cromwell believed in September 3, and Louis Napoleon in December 2. Sulla called himself Felix, the favoured Child of Fortune, and Timoleon turned his house into a Temple of Chance. Alexander, who may credit the account given by Quintus Curtius, was terrified by blood flowing from inside his soldier's breast during the siege of Tyre in 332 B.C. His peer, Arrian, foretold in this crimson efflux of the vital stream out of the communissariat a happy issue for the Macedonians; and the warriors, thus nerves, took Tyre. From the year 1004, the charming spectacle of the bleeding Host, and bread, as well as the bewitched bloody milk, several times in each century gave simple folk a scare; thus, it was noticed in 1264, under Urban IV, at Bologna, not far from Civita Vecchia; and Raphael has taken this for the subject of his picture called the *Miraculo de Bologna*, which is, at all events, a miracle of the pencil. In 1383, when Henrich von Bulow destroyed the village and church at Bolzenbach, drops of blood were found eight days afterwards, on the Host placed on the altar. But the victims of superstition have the bump of causality remarkably developed; and in 1510, thirty-eight Jews were burnt to ashes because they had tortured the consecrated Host until it bled. Again, the sight was seen on the Moselle in 1624; and in 1648 the famous Elberberg analyzed the terrible portent. After stooping with his microscope over the red stains on bread, cheese, and potatoes, this savant declared that they are caused by small mounds or blisters, which have a red colour, and are so minute that from 46,600,000,000 to 384,736,000,000,000 distinct beings adorn the space of one cubic inch. Unfortunately, when, in 1670, thirty-eight Israelites, as we have seen, were burnt to ashes, no scientific Elberberg existed to point out to their superstitious butchers that what they called a proof of the consecrated Host being torched until it bled, was merely due to aggregation of hungry red insects. No doubt, too, the wish for gold was father to the thought of alchemy; but this itself will not account for Henry VI, eagerly encouraging it, for Pope John XXII, being an alchemist; for Louis XIII of France, making a Franciscan monk his grand almoner, as the reward of a hundred years' reign

promised to his credulity by that pretender to the discovery of the grand elixir; or in Jean de Lisle explaining by an early death in the Bastille his bold attempts to persuade Louis XIV, and his ministers, that he possessed the gold-making secret. Among the wide circle of influential believers that alchemy thus intrusted was Roger Bacon, Albertus Magnus, and St. Thomas Aquinas; and even the transcendent intellects of Leibnitz, Spinoza, and Verulam. However, in the pursuit of this phantom, Roger Bacon actually stumbled on the composition of gunpowder. Geber, on the properties of acids; Van Helmont, on the nature of gas, goot, or spirit; and Dr. Glauber, of Amsterdam, on the uses of the salt which bears his name. Thus the alchemist, the victim of fetichism, the slave of superstition, the worshiper of science, the conqueror of power. How much was alchemy worth?—impossible to say. It was an enthusiasm; it is impossible to say.

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